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I. Listing of Claims

1-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a contour of a planiform piece for an interior trim of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

cutting said planiform piece with a first cutting means[[.]] to simultaneously produce at least an apex, ~~according to~~ having a rounded profile P[[.]] and ~~a first portion of a first straight side on a fraction F, of its length~~ extending from said apex; and

cutting said planiform piece with a second cutting means to produce ~~another a second~~ portion of the first straight side ~~including at least a portion of fraction F, the second cutting means overlapping a part of the first~~ portion of the first straight side formed by the first cutting [[mans]] means, and

wherein said first and second cutting means function sequentially.

20. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 19, ~~further comprising wherein said step of cutting with the first cutting means includes~~ cutting a first portion of a second straight side of the contour, extending from said apex, ~~over a fraction F', of its length, extending from said apex, at least in the area of a part at least of said fraction F' and cutting said planiform piece~~ using a third cutting means to produce a second portion of the second straight side, the third cutting means overlapping a part of the first portion of the second straight side formed by the first cutting means, said first and third cutting means functioning sequentially.

21. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 20, ~~wherein cutting a second side of the contour further comprises forming said first and second sides, at least in the area of a part at least of said fractions F and F' using the second and third cutting means wherein the second and third cutting means are second and third knives, and wherein a cutting edge for said first cutting means is a first knife having a continuous cutting edge formed of three parts, a first central part for forming the apex according to said the profile P, a second and a third part extending on each one side of said first central part for forming the first portion of the first straight side~~

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and a third part extending on an opposing side of the first central part for forming the first part of the second straight side, for forming fractions F and F'.

22. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 20, further comprising receiving said piece using a support portion ~~of said cutting means~~, such that the piece can be sandwiched, at least over a part of its thickness, between said support and said first, second and third cutting means.

23. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 22, wherein receiving said piece using a support portion ~~of said cutting means~~ further comprises receiving said piece with a support having a contour including at least a first part, having a profile substantially identical with that of the cutting edge of the first knife, and a second and a third part located on either side of said first part of the contour of the support in the prolongation of the latter and having a profile substantially identical, with that of the cutting edges of the second and third knives.

24. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22, further comprising actuating said first, second and third knives between two positions in relation to said support, such that a first retracted position in which the cutting edges of said first, second and third knives are contiguous and in the prolongation of one another, and facing said first, second and third parts of the contour of the support, and wherein a second position in which the cutting edges are in contact with said support, said first knife coming to bear, in a first configuration, against said first part of the contour of the support, and said second and third knives coming to bear, in a second configuration, against said second and third parts of the contour of the support.

25. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a contour of a planiform piece for an interior trim of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

cutting said piece using a first curved cutting means~~[[.]]~~ to simultaneously produce at least an apex, ~~according to said profile P~~, and a portion of a first straight side on a fraction F, of its length extending tangentially from said apex;

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cutting said piece using a second straight cutting means, ~~permitting the production of to produce~~ said first side, said cutting using said second cutting means overlapping including at least [[one]] part at least of fraction F of the portion of the first side produced by the first cutting means, and wherein said first and second cutting means function sequentially.

26. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 25, further comprising ~~simultaneously producing a second straight side of the contour extending tangentially from the apex using the a third cutting means, to produce said second side, at least in the area of a part at least of said fraction F', said first and third cutting means functioning sequentially, wherein the second side extends from said apex, over a fraction F', of its length, extending from said apex cutting by said third cutting means is overlapping cutting by said first cutting means.~~

27. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 26, wherein cutting said piece using ~~[[a]] said first curved cutting means further comprises cutting the piece with a first curved cutting means having a first knife having a continuous cutting edge formed of three parts, including a first central part for forming the apex according to said profile P, a second and a third part extending on each side said central part, for forming fractions F and F', said second and third parts are second and third knives, having a cutting edge for forming portions of said first and second sides, at least in the area of a part at least of said fractions F and F'.~~

28. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 27, wherein cutting said piece using ~~[[a]] the first curved cutting means further comprises receiving said piece using a support portion of said first curved cutting means[[.]]~~ such that the piece can be sandwiched, at least over a part of its thickness, between said support and said first, ~~curved~~ cutting means.

29. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 28, wherein receiving said piece using a support portion of said first ~~curved~~ cutting means further comprises receiving said piece using a support portion of said first ~~curved~~ cutting means having a contour including at least a first part, having a profile substantially

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identical with that of the first central part of the cutting edge ~~of the first knife~~, and including a second and a third part located on either side of said first part ~~of the contour of the support~~ in the prolongation of the latter and having a profile substantially identical, with that of the cutting edges of the second and third knives.

30. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 29, further comprising actuating said first, second and third knives between two positions in relation to said support, such that a first retracted position in which the cutting edges of said first, second and third knives are contiguous and in the prolongation of one another, and facing said first, second and third parts of the contour of the support, and wherein a second position in which the cutting edges are in contact with said support, said first knife coming to bear, in a first configuration, against said first part of the contour of the support, and said second and third knives coming to bear, in a second configuration, against said second and third parts of the contour of the support.

31. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a contour of a planiform piece of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

cutting said planiform piece with a first cutting means to simultaneously produce an apex and a first straight side, the first straight side extending generally tangentially from the apex;

cutting said planiform piece with a second cutting means to produce another portion of the first straight side, the second cutting means overlapping a portion of the first straight side produced by the first cutting means; and

wherein the first and second cutting means functioning sequentially.

32. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 further comprising:

wherein the first cutting means forms a second straight side, generally opposed from the first straight side, the second straight side extending from the apex;

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cutting said planiform piece with a third cutting means to produce another portion of the second straight side, the third cutting means overlapping the portion of the second straight side produced by the first cutting means; and wherein the first and third cutting means functioning sequentially.

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